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P&G Case 8391

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of :
Ehrnsperger et al. : Confirmation No. 1139
Serial No. 09/849,554 : Group Art Unit 1724
Filed May 4, 2001 : Examiner Evars C Cintins

For USE OF ABSORBENT MATERIALS TO SEPARATE WATER FROM LIOPHILIC FLUID

NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE EXAMINER TO
THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

Mail Stop AF
Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals under 37 CFR 1.191(a) to the Board of Appeals and Interferences from the last decision of the Examiner dated November 19, 2003, finally rejecting Claims 31-51. The fee for this Notice of Appeal is \$330.00 (37 CFR 1.17(b)).

The Commissioner is hereby petitioned under 37 CFR §1.136(a) to grant any extension of time needed for response to the Office Action dated in the above-identified application to permit filing this Notice of Appeal. The processing fee under 37 CFR §1.17 has been determined as follows: for a 1-month extension of time.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge the above fees, or any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 16-2480 in the name of The Procter & Gamble Company. An additional copy of this Notice is enclosed for that purpose.

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